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Report from the Chechen Republic

Shelling of the mounted and forested area in Shali and Vedeno districts

At night from 15 to 16 August 2004, the armed forces of the Russian Federation shelled the mounted and forested area situated at the border between Shali and Vedeno districts. There are several settlements very close to the targeted area. The outskirts of Serzhen-Yurt and Avtury settlements of the Chechen Shali district as well as Elistanzhi, Khattuni and Tsa-Vedeno settlements of the Chechen Vedeno district were shelled. Their residents had to spend the night in the basements of their houses. There has been no information about victims among civilians.

(From our correspondent)

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